GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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QUALITY OF WATER
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether proper arrangements have been made to check the quality of water supplied through hand-pump and ground water in rural areas;

(b) if so, whether such water testing laboratory is available in each districts in coordination with Central and State Governments;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of cases where hand-pump and ground water have been declared unfit for drinking during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (c) Yes Sir. District level water quality testing laboratories have been established in 579 districts with the assistance of Government of India, State Governments and other agencies.

(d) State Governments have conducted survey and reported 1,95,813 rural habitations affected with chemical contamination such as arsenic, fluoride, nitrate, salinity, iron and combination of these in excess of permissible limits as on 31/3/2005.